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Seventh Army Field Team Activitiesduring January 1945

During the latter part of December members of the field team put emphasis on operations against the Westwall Line and the Siegfried Line. Three excellent reports were obtained.

Then, on New Year's Eve the German attack was launched through the Vosges Mountains against the Seventh Army front from Saarbrücken to the vicinity of Wissembourg lae Main, some thirty (30) miles to the southeast. This German drive was followed by a series of attacks north of the Sarrebourg Forest and a crossing of the Rhine in force in the area north of Bantstein.

Then the Seventh Army front was withdrawn on the east to a line generally northwest - southeast through Eschwege. The Germans continued their aggressive action. This time in an effort to drive Seventh Army troops entirely out of Saarland.

Needless to say several important actions took place during this period. As the field team finished the work in which they were engaged, they were sent out to the units which had been involved in critical actions.

Mooney covered the 71st Infantry of the 44th Infantry Division which was in the Saarbrücken area and east thereof where the Germans made one part of the drive. This report covered the period from 31 December to 4 January.

Cart Maly covered the action in a more general manner for this period for the other two regiments of the 44th Infantry Division, the 11th Infantry and the 324th Infantry.

First Seters went to the 117th Recon Squad to obtain the details of their part in this New Year's Eve fighting from Hitler. This unit was southwest of Hilshe when the attack came. The report covers from 31 December to 3 January.

The Buddelton tank force was on the right, east, flank of the 117th Recon Squad at this time. Lt Mooney has covered the part played by this force during this particular period. However, the report is not completed as yet.

In between the 44th Infantry Division and the 117th Recon Squad, the 100th Infantry Division was holding its position of the Seventh Army front.

It appears that the Germans were endeavoring to punch off the 100th Infantry Division by the two drives, one against the 44th Infantry Division and the other against the 117th Recon Squad and the Huddelston Task Force.

In order to sound out the situation, Lt Ferguson was sent to the 100th Infantry Division to get details as to just how the units of this division were affected by the enemy drive on the flank and what were the reactions. He has had some difficulty in satisfying me with his reports. He has returned a second time with a list of questions to clarify points.

The 14th Armored, the parent organization of the Huddelston Task Force, launched a drive on January 9 against the Germans in the vicinity of Hatten. This operation was covered by Lt McNeely. It covers a period from 9 January to the 20th. It has been completed.

The German crossing of the Rhine in the Hambach area hit the Linden Task Force, composed of units of the 42nd Infantry Division. In this connection the 21st Infantry and 24th Infantry of the 78th Infantry Division became involved in some very critical actions. These units involved were covered by Capt Waters and Capt Rogers. Both reports are in the final state of completion.

Lt Gottlieb, Sgt Hancock and Pvt Rowley were sent to the west area to which the Linden Task Force moved after this encounter with the Germans, to cover the operation. The period is from the 4th January to the 25th January. Gottlieb's part is completed. Rowley's part is almost complete. Hancock's part, a much larger part of the operation, is not complete.

The 12th Armored Division made history in the Warrishheim-Hambach area during the period of 17-19 January. Lt Gottlieb is working on the details of this action at the present time. I have done some work, too, all of which is completed.

As this phase of German aggression was drawing to a close, the Colmar pocket issue came to a head. The story of the part that the 1st Infantry Division played in the destruction of the Colmar pocket is being covered by Lt McNeely, Lt Laskey and Lt Hutton. The 284th Infantry of the 63rd Division, also, took an important part in this action. Capt Rogers is working on this part of the operation.

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<u>Name of Historian</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Period of Action</u>	<u>Name of Action</u>	<u>Statement of Completion</u>	<u>Date to be Forwarded to Hooper</u>
1st Lieutenant Arthur Gottlieb	1st Bn. 11th Regt. 103rd Div.	27 - 21 December	Attacks on the Siegfried Defenses	ready for final editing	submitted personally to Col. Gance on 1 March
	2nd Bn. 103rd Div.	13 - 14 December	Elisenbach - Tank Force Blackshire	ready for final editing	submitted to Paris on 22 January
	2nd Bn. 103rd Div.	4 - 6 January	Weyersheim to Gumbach	ready for final editing	submitted personally to Col. Gance on 3 March
	10th Regt. 3rd Div.		Crossing of the Meurthe to the Rhine	in note form	
	7th Regt. 3rd Div.		Assault towards St. Dis	in note form	
1st Lieutenant Edgar Monney	1st and 2nd Bns. 75th Regt. 4th Div.	10 - 17 November	Arvicourt	ready for final editing	submitted to Paris 21 January
	4th Co. 11th Regt. 4th Div.	23 November	Schalbach Tank Attack	ready for final editing	submitted to Paris 23 December
	1st Bn. 11th Regt. 4th Div.	6 - 10 December	Eichenberg	Published	submitted to Paris 23 December
	4th Co. 71st Regt. 4th Div.	14 - 16 December	Bimmerhof	ready for final editing	submitted to Paris 21 January
	71st Regt. 4th Div.	31 Dec. - 1 Jan.	New Year's Eve Action	additional notes required	March 15
	71st Regt. 4th Div.		Counter attack at Rastviller	in note form	
	71st Regt. 4th Div.		Bridge at Kueschingen	in note form	
	32nd Regt. 4th Division		Wieslingen	in note form	
	4th Co. 11th Regt. 4th Division		Schalbach Tank Attack	in note form	

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1st Lieutenant Edgar McNary	11th Armored Div.	1st Jan	Nation	ready for final editing	Submitted personally to Col. Gance on 1 March
Captain Smith Eggers	2nd Bn. 11th Regt. 79th Div.	20 November	Ughenon Action	ready for final editing	submitted to Paris 25 December
	3rd Bn. 11th Regt. 101st Div.	17 - 21 December	Bosenthal to the Siegfried	ready for final editing	Submitted personally to Col. Gance on 1 March
	11th Regt. 79th Div.		Mallowville Action	ready for editing	submitted to Paris 25 Dec.
2nd Lieutenant William Ferguson	1st Bn. 11th Regt. 302 Div.	23 - 25 September	Bandrescourt to Tendon	ready for final editing	submitted to Paris 21 January
	1st Bn. 11th Regt. 302 Div.	12 - 13 December	Counter Attack at Selsat	ready for final editing	submitted to Paris 21 January
	1st Bn. 11th Regt. 302 Div.	22 Nov. - 11 Dec.	Pouilleres to Valle de Villa	page in- complete	March 10
Captain George Carter	133rd P.A. Bn. 30th Div.	12 December	Ste. Marie Action	ready for final editing	submitted to Paris 21 January
	2nd Bn. 11th Regt. 302 Div.	19 December	Aggenstein Action	ready for final editing	submitted to Paris 21 January
S/Sgt. William Sawcroft	2nd Bn. 7th Regt. 3rd Division	20-21 November	Crossing of the Meuse to the Rhine	Published	submitted to Paris 25 December
	2nd Bn. 10th Regt. 45th Division	10 - 18 December	Penetration of the Siegfried Line	ready for final editing	submitted personally to Col. Gance on 1 March

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GODDARD, I SUGGEST:

- (1) Finish up all small unit and key actions now in process. Go over them only for filling all gaps of fact and completing graphic representation. Just see that we won't have to ask any questions for you to answer. Don't spend time on writing or dolling up. Send on to us.
- (2) Keep a field team of not more than three for extraordinary and obligated actions. May be used for other purposes when not on such duty.
- (3) Detailed study of work and production of unit historians of corps and divisions with view to supplementing their work and getting maximum coverage for units. Directive will soon be out placing them under our supervision and responsibility.
- (4) Bring up Graphic Order of Battle for Seventh Army to date, going down to divisions and independent commands. Keep in touch with G-3 and even secondary sources such as Staffs and Stripes and Lists of Events. Constantly check on inaccuracy of lines and overlooking of facts. Try for reclassification of Order of Battle to farthest date to see if map cannot be posted, and kept up in Major Davis' office.
- (5) Have somebody work on G-1 phase of Order of Battle such as dates of incumbency of all commanders and Chiefs of Staff down through divisions, marking all changes and giving a brief synopsis of outstanding units of units with dates. Give CPO where not on map.

Capt Ralph Lutz Change
W.A. GANOE
Capt. U.S.A.
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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
HISTORICAL SECTION
APO 700 US ARMY

22 February 1948

To: Secretary General Staff

Subject: Reorganization of History Section

1. As Colonel GAGNE promised yesterday we have made an intensive study of the history situation in this Army after consideration of 1) the desires of the Commanding General, Seventh Army, 2) the recent directive from the Secretary of War making the Theater Historian responsible for the entire history of all operations in the Theater since the arrival of SYOPS, 3) and the lessening demands for coverage of small-unit actions.

2. The following officers will constitute a team which will work intensively and exclusively on the history of the Seventh Army down at least to division level and oftentimes as low as battalion and company level:

NAME	DATE OF BEGINNING WORK	DUTY
Major Davis	Immediately	Supervisor - researcher and writer
Capt. Hamilton	Immediately	Researcher - writer
Capt. Waters	March 14th	Researcher - writer
2d. Lasky	March 15th	Researcher - writer
2d. Sutton	March 14th	Researcher - writer
2d. Thomas	April 1st	Editor - research

B. The immediate objective will be two-fold;

1) The full completion with dispatch of Phase I of the History (through August 16th).

2) The immediate completion of coverage of units of the Army from December 1943, 1944 to January 17th 1945 in order to gain facts which would otherwise be lost.

C. The main objective will be to produce phases I, II, III, etc as soon as possible.

D. The amount of personnel on the team is by test of experience about the maximum before we get diminishing returns.

E. You of course realize that a separate pamphlet "Operation of Southern France" (August 16-28) showing the movement and high-lights of the Army for the War Department American Forces in Action series will be completed by April 1.

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